| S.No. | Section | Length (Km.) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chilkaluripet-Vijayawada-Elluru-Rajahmundry | 270 |
| 2. | Tada-Nellore Bypass | 130 |
| 3. | Vishakhapatnam-Ankapalli-Rajahmundry | 200 |
| 4. | Srikakulam-Vishakhapattnam | 100 |
| 5. | Nellore-Chilkaluripet | 183 |
| 6. | Icchapuram-Srikakulam | 133 |

(c) The work of six laning is scheduled to start in 2008.

(d) and (e) At the time of preparation of feasibility reports, the consultants would consider the safety aspects and interact with all safety related fora. The number of evictions of road side dwellers will be known on completion of feasibility report.

**Sakhileshpur-Mangalore Port section of NH**

2679. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sakhleshpur-Mangalore Port section of the National Highway has become damaged and unserviceable due to heavy traffic by iron-ore carriers plying on the Bellary-mangalore Port route;

(b) Whether Government are aware that the condition of the roads in this ghat section poses threat to movement of ore-laden vehicles negotiating hair-pin-bends; and

(c) whether because of this bottleneck in ore movement by road, New Mangalore Port's capacity is not being utilized fully since the closure of oremining at Kudremukh mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) A

length of about 40 Km of NH-48 in Shiradi Ghat area and about 38 km length of NH 48 and NH 17 around new Mangalore Port was damaged extensively during last monsoon. Due to above damages, the heavy vehicles found difficulty in negotiating the sharp curves and hair-pin bends. However, the repair works have already been taken up by the State Government/ NHAI and the stretch is in traffic worthy condition. Further for permanent restoration of NH passing through Shiradi Ghat area, proposals amounting to Rs. 30.00 crore have been sanctioned and the works are under the process of award/implementation. For New Mangalore Port Connectivity, work of 4-laning is in progress.

(c) Though there has been some reduction in the movement of iron-ore on NH-48, due to commissioning of Hassan-Mangalore railway line, the port capacity is being utilized fully for this Cargo. However, after closure of ore mining at Kudremukh mines, the dedicated berth No. 8 of Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited is not utilized to the required capacity.

**NHs in Orissa**

†2680 SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of National Highways and the total length thereof in the State of Orissa;

(b) the year-wise details of the funds provided to the State during the last five years for repair of National Highways in the State; and

(c) whether the State Government have in the mean time forwarded any porposal to The Centre for construction of new National Highways, by-pass, railway over-bridges etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) At present, Orissa State is having 15 National Highways having total length of about 3704 km.

(b) Funds provided to the State of Orissa under Maintenance & Repair of the National Highways during last five years is tabulated as below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.